

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 489

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor Vice Chancellor Dale Sims of the
Tennessee Board of Regents on the occasion of
his retirement from State government.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body pay tribute to one of the most
dedicated public servants this State has ever produced on the occasion of his retirement after
more than three decades of faithful service to the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims has rendered sterling service to the citizens of Tennessee since
1980 in numerous positions and performed with distinction in each of them, including his
exemplary service as State Treasurer, and finally, as Vice Chancellor of the Tennessee Board
of Regents for Business and Finance; and

WHEREAS, born in Charlotte, North Carolina, on December 10, 1955, Dale Sims
received his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Carolina University and did graduate
work in Public Administration at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the National Institute for Public Finance, Mr. Sims began his
employment with the State of Tennessee as a Program Auditor with the Division of State Audit
in the Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury in January 1980, during which time he also
served as a Research Analyst for the Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his acumen and alacrity, Mr. Sims was named a staff
assistant to State Treasurer Harlan Mathews in July of 1982 and appointed Executive Assistant
to State Treasurer Steve Adams in February 1987, which position he held until his appointment
by Governor Phil Bredesen as Acting Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims was appointed State Treasurer in October 2003 and elected to
the office of State Treasurer by the 103rd General Assembly on March 1, 2004. He was
subsequently reelected by the 104th and 105th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, as State Treasurer, he served as a member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the State Building Commission; he also held numerous offices with the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers; and

WHEREAS, elected Public Service Professional of the Year in 2007 by the County Officials Association of Tennessee, Dale Sims received the President's Award in 2007 from the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, and the prestigious Jesse Unruh Award in 2008 from the National Association of State Treasurers; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009, Mr. Sims was appointed Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance at the Tennessee Board of Regents, responsible for fiscal management of central office operations and the leadership and coordination of system-wide financial reporting, accounting, budgeting, purchasing and contracting, and human resources; and

WHEREAS, Dale Sims's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dale Sims is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Debbie Davis Sims, and their daughter, Jessica; and

WHEREAS, during his entire career, Dale Sims has devoted himself to the State of Tennessee and the best interests of her citizens, and we take great pleasure in recognizing his exemplary career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Dale Sims for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Vice Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents on the occasion of his retirement from State government and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.